

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025 5:30 PM

Gatesville ISD Administration Building
311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, TX 76528

Present: Charles Alderson, Charles Ament, Calvin Ford, Loyd Hopson, Cheyenne Kizer, Linda Maxwell,
Absent: Emily Wuenschel

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Charles Ament, President, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Charles Alderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

LeighAnn Goodwin gave the invocation.

4. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Barrett Pollard, Ed.D., Superintendent, recognized Ethan Arther and Callie Smith for their great composure and awareness when a Robinson football player suffered a severe concussion during a JV game.

5. STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Pollard called upon GISD Director of Theatre Jake Hood to give the board information on the Hornet Theatre season, upcoming performances, and competition information. He also gave his input on the JH renovation.

6. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Pollard honored Mary Anne Leib for 21 and a half years of service on the GISD school board. Mary Anne has always been an advocate for both the academic program and our CTE courses. She has overseen major investments in technology, CTE equipment, and facilities. During those 21 years, GISD built a technology building, improved the football stadium, added a library at Primary, renovated a portion of the intermediate, built the elementary school, added the softball and tennis dressing rooms, and completed a large addition to the high school. Mrs. Leib served as board president for many years. Her background as an educator was extremely valuable as she advocated for teachers over those many years. Mary Anne frequently attends sporting events to support students. Caring, compassionate, and child-centered are just a few of the words to describe Mrs. Leib.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Approve consent agenda items A-H as presented.

This motion, made by Charles Alderson and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

B. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2025 TRAINING MEETING

C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

D. BILLS AND PAYROLLS FOR OCTOBER 2025

E. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

F. Y-T-D BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO FUND BALANCE

G. VITAL SIGNS REPORT

H. FOOD SERVICE REPORT

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. DISSEMINATION OF THE FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP

The board president must annually distribute the Framework for Governance Leadership (also known as the Framework for School Board Development) to all current members of the board and the superintendent. This document is included in your packet each year around this time and is distributed to new board members as a part of their local orientation.

B. DONATION BY CORYELL HEALTH TO PURCHASE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL HELMETS

Yancey Sanderson, Ed.D., Asst Supt. of Admin. Services, presented plans for Coryell Health to partner with the district by fully funding the purchase of 50 new Axiom helmets. Axiom helmets are a line of football helmets by Riddell designed for enhanced player safety and impact response. They feature flex panels for better impact absorption and are equipped with InSite Smart Helmet technology to track and report impacts. This generous offer covers the entire cost of the equipment, providing essential, high-quality safety gear to the athletes at no monetary cost to the district. In return, Coryell Health requested some positive messaging through signage and social media. Our ultimate goal is to provide every high school football player with these special helmets.

C. SUMMARY OF JUNIOR HIGH DESIGN MEETING WITH THE HUCKABEE TEAM

Dr. Pollard gave a summary of the design meeting with the Huckabee team and stakeholders on the Junior High School addition. The committee included a board member, staff, and a junior high student and two high school students. During the visioning session, participants engaged in activities to express and rank ideas for the school design. A campus tour provided firsthand insight into current conditions, and members completed scorecards and evaluated what they like or didn't like about learning spaces. The committee also completed post-meeting homework and provided feedback on design preferences. The committee used post-it notes to identify things they wanted to toss, keep, or create. They then used red dots (low priority) and green dots (high priority) to rank those post-it note ideas. Next steps were outlined including the Community Focus Group on November 18 to expand input from a broader audience.

10. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

Charles Ament, President, issued the Certificate of Election to re-elected board member: Cheyenne Kizer.

B. SIGN STATEMENT OF OFFICER

Cheyenne Kizer signed the Statement of Officer.

C. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED MEMBERS

The Oath of Office was administered to Cheyenne Kizer by McKenzie Newman, Notary Public.

D. CORYELL CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTING RESOLUTION

Dr. Pollard presented the ballot listing the candidates nominated by the taxing jurisdictions within Coryell County for election to the board of directors of the Coryell Central Appraisal District. Gatesville

ISD is entitled to 291 votes. There are two Board of Director positions available. We may cast all of our votes for one candidate or distribute our votes among any number of the candidates. We need to adopt a resolution casting our votes. The four candidates are Fred Chavez, Inez Faison, Kevin George, and Dale Treadaway. As a side note, Andy James is already on the Board of Directors until 12/31/2027.

Dr. Pollard recommended Gatesville ISD allocate all 291 votes towards Kevin George.

This motion, made by Cheyenne Kizer and seconded by Charles Alderson, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

E. DEFERRED FUNDS FOR FY26 FROM VATRE

LeighAnn Goodwin, Asst. Supt. of Finance, presented plans for VATRE funds. In November 2023, the Gatesville Community voted for a tax credit known as the 3 golden pennies or VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election). This allows for additional tax revenue of \$1.3 million. In the fiscal school year (FY25 & FY26), this money is integrated into the board approved budget, but in the FY24 fiscal year, this money was voted/approved/received after the budget was approved and was already in progress. Because of this, the district was able to allocate that \$1.3 million to specific items. This was presented and approved by the board on December 11, 2023. Not all the designated funds appropriated with the 3 golden pennies were expended in the FY24 or in the FY25 school year; therefore, the remaining funds were deferred to the FY26 school year. The attached documentation shows the remaining balance to be spent on HVAC improvements district wide and reallocate Chromebook expenses to be shifted to purchasing new interactive flat panels at the elementary.

Goodwin recommended GISD continue to allocate the remaining VATRE funds to the items listed above to be expended in FY26.

This motion, made by Linda Maxwell and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. ANNUAL REVIEW OF GATESVILLE ISD INVESTMENT POLICY

Goodwin presented the GISD investment policy. Each year the school board is charged with reviewing and approving the District's Investment Policy (CDA Legal & Local). GISD subscribes to the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) policy services. CDA Legal was updated on November 14, 2023 and there is no change. CDA Local was last updated on January 24, 2025 and adopted by the board on February 24, 2025. This proposed investment policy reflects the changes made from the prior policy and are highlighted in yellow. The GISD Board of Trustees, at its December 12, 2016 regular board meeting, approved the investment of up to \$5 million of the District's Unassigned Fund Balance in a Certificates of Deposit program known as CDARS, with CD maturities ranging from 4 weeks to 5 years as permitted under the Liquidity and Maturity Section of CDA Local. The district currently has \$4.245 million invested in Certificates of Deposits. Gatesville ISD continues to use Randall Chenot, Managing Director of Investors Brokerage of Texas (Waco) as our current board approved broker.

Goodwin recommended the Board approve the District's Investment Policy as presented.

This motion, made by Cheyenne Kizer and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.001)

The board took a break at 6:13 PM and then went into executive session at 6:18 PM and returned to open session at 7:04 PM.

A. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

B. DELIBERATION REGARDING RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

C. DISCUSSION OF BOARD REORGANIZATION (TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.074)

12. ACTION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL- No action needed

B. RESIGNATIONS, TERMINATIONS, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENTS, DUTIES, AND EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL

<i>Employ (2025-2026)</i>	<i>Type Agreement</i>	<i>Begin</i>	<i>End</i>
Stovall, Trayce	Mid-Year Agreement	11/18/2025	05/22/2025

Dr. Pollard recommended issuing new employment contracts for the listed personnel as presented, subject to assignment.

This motion, made by Linda Maxwell and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. ELECT BOARD OFFICERS

1. ELECT PRESIDENT

Charles Ament was nominated as President.

This motion, made by Calvin Ford and seconded by Loyd Hopson, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. ELECT VICE PRESIDENT

Charles Alderson was nominated as Vice President.

This motion, made by Charles Ament and seconded by Linda Maxwell, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. ELECT SECRETARY

Cheyenne Kizer was nominated as Secretary.

This motion, made by Linda Maxwell and seconded by Calvin Ford, Passed.

Emily Wuenschel: Absent, Charles Alderson: Yea, Charles Ament: Yea, Calvin Ford: Yea, Loyd Hopson: Yea, Cheyenne Kizer: Yea, Linda Maxwell: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT TRAINING

ESC REGION 12, 11/19/2025, 6-9 PM

2. NEW BOARD MEMBER REQUIRED TRAINING

1. LOCAL DISTRICT ORIENTATION- REQUIRED WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER ELECTION
2. ORIENTATION TO THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE- ONLINE THROUGH REG 12 SERVICE CENTER, REQUIRED WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER ELECTION
3. OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT - ONLINE, REQUIRED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ELECTION
4. EVALUATING AND IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES- REGION 12 SERVICE CENTER 1/21/2026, 6-9 PM

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ament adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM with no voiced objections.

President

Secretary

Date Minutes Approved: _____